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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: SUSTAINABLE USE AND CONSERVATION OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE HIGH SEAS: UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON STRADDLING FISH STOCKS AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS

Report of the Second Committee (Part IV)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 89 (see A/49/729, para. 3). Action to be taken on sub-item (c) was considered at the 17th and 29th meetings, on 31 October and 23 November 1994. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/49/SR.17 and 29).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/49/L.5

2. At the 17th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of Fiji introduced a draft resolution entitled "United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks" (A/C.2/49/L.15).

3. At the 29th meeting, on 23 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Arjan P. Hamburger (Netherlands), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

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* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in several parts, under the symbol A/49/729 and addenda.

4. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement pertaining to the conference-servicing implications of the draft resolution (see A/C.2/49/SR.29).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/49/L.5 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

6. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/192 of 22 December 1992 and 48/194 of 21 December 1993, concerning the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made by the Conference at its third and fourth sessions in 1994, 1/

Taking note of the recommendation of the Conference to the General Assembly that it provide for the convening of two further sessions in 1995 to enable the Conference to complete its work, 2/

Convinced that the widest possible participation in the Conference is important to ensure its success,

1. Notes the progress made by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks at its previous sessions;

2. Approves the convening in New York of two further sessions of the Conference, from 27 March to 12 April 1995 and from 24 July to 4 August 1995, in accordance with the recommendation of the Conference;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide services for those two sessions of the Conference, including facilities for holding two simultaneous meetings during the sessions;

4. Urges the Conference to complete its work before the fiftieth session of the General Assembly;

1/ A/49/522.

2/ See A/CONF.164/25, para. 29, and A/49/522, paras. 24-26.

5. Renews its request to Governments and regional economic integration organizations to contribute to the voluntary fund established in accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 47/192 for the purpose of assisting developing countries, especially those most concerned by the subject-matter of the Conference, in particular the least developed among them, to participate fully and effectively in the Conference, and expresses its appreciation for the contributions to the fund made so far;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session the final report on the work of the Conference;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: report of the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks".